hearing the parties again, and calling for further evidence or enquiry where this may be found to be necessary. This procedure saves time and trouble to parties and witnesses who would otherwise often have to go long distances to the Court of the Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 193.
Hulbanni to non-resident land-holders.

Summary of discussion.—Even non-resident raiyats should be allowed to take part in the Hulbanni of a village, if they hold lands in that village though they may not reside therein.

Dewan's reply.—No change in existing rules is necessary. Under the Land Revenue Rules, the Deputy Commissioner has discretion to make needful arrangements to reconcile all wants and interests as far as possible.

Subject No. 194.
Patel's permission before gathering arecanut crop.

Summary of discussion.—Every time that the arecanut crop is gathered, the permission of the Patel has to be obtained. This restriction should be dispensed with. It often happens that the Patel is absent or through ill-will makes some objection or other.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration with the questions relating to supari land assessment and halat. The rule is not that the Patel's permission should be obtained but rather that intimation should be given to him.

Subject No. 195.
Honge and Tangadi leaves from State Forests for manure.

Summary of discussion.—Cultivators of wet lands should be allowed to take Honge and Tangadi leaves from State and District Forests for manure.

NOTE.—A similar representation was made by Mr. Sugatur Venkataramanaiya (R. M. from Sidlaghatta Taluk, Kolar District).

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done. But facilities for growing Honge and Tangadi for manure are under consideration. (*Vide* Subjects Nos. 139 and 152 of last year's Proceedings.)

Subject No. 196.
Water-supply project for Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that proper water-supply may be secured to the town of Tumkur as attempted already. In 1888, Mr. Krishna Murti Rao, the then Deputy Commissioner, wrote to Government for sanction to a project, but no reply as yet has been received.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be considered.

Subject No. 197.
Trade and shop-tax in Tumkur District Municipalities.

Summary of discussion.—According to Circular No. 23 of 1887 issued by the then Deputy Commissioner, Municipal house-tax is levied on shops in Municipalities in addition to the mohatarfa shop-tax. It is requested that out of the two taxes (one on the trade and the other on the building wherein such trade is carried on), only one may be retained and the other remitted.

Dewan's reply.—A double tax of the kind is apparently objectionable. Inquiry will be made.

Subject No. 198. Civil Appeals in the Nundydroog Division.

Summary of discussion.—Although a District Judge has been appointed for the Nundydroog Division, yet appeals against the decisions of the subordinate courts go not to him but to the Chief Court direct. After the decision of the Chief Court, only a review and no second appeal is possible. It is therefore requested that the power of hearing appeals from the decisions of the subordinate courts may be conferred on the District Judge, so that there may be a second appeal to the Chief Court.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 199. Loan required for a local Oil Manufactory.

Summary of discussion.—A gentleman of this town has established an Oil Manufactory, investing a large sum (about 80 thousand rupees) therein. As this was done with the hope of getting help from Government, and as it would otherwise collapse, the Government is requested to encourage this first enterprise by lending him some money on the mortgage of the Factory itself.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 200. Reduction of land assessment in Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Mysore and Hassan Districts and even in parts of the Tumkur District (in the Sira Taluk for instance), the Survey Settlement introduced rates of assessment which are lower than the rates previously prevailing. But in the Tumkur Taluk, the settlement rates have been inordinately high, the existence of 2 cocoanut and 4 arecanut trees being often taken as a sufficient reason for classing a field as garden land. When this was complained of, the Government promised to consider the question. It is requested that the rate of assessment in the Tumkur Taluk may be lowered.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. No general revision can take place now.

Subject No. 201. Shanbhogs and Patels' Potgi and Service Inam lands.

Summary of discussion.—Since the year 1884, the system of deducting the assessment on their Service Inam lands from the potgis or salaries of Shanbhogs and Patels, whether they actually hold these lands or not, has been brought into force. Owing to this, many Shanbhogs and Patels have been deprived of a great part of their emoluments although their Inam lands and Jodi lands are not in their possession but are occupied by others. Taking into consideration the small pay allotted to these village servants, the present practice should be dispensed with.

Dewan's reply.—Let individual or typical cases be represented to the Deputy Commissioner. He will investigate and report for the orders of Government. It does not appear that there is any fault in the rules.